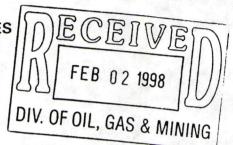
FORM MR-RC Revised January 21, 1998 RECLAMATION CONTRACT

File Number M/045/017 Effective Date Feb 26. 1998

STATE OF UTAH **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES** DIVISION of OIL, GAS and MINING

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RECLAMATION CONTRACT

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For the purpose of this RECLAMATION CONTRACT the terms beloware defined as follows: "NOTICE OF INTENTION" (NOI): (File No.) M/045/017 (Mineral Mined) Gold "MINE LOCATION": (Name of Mine) Mercur Mercur Canyon Road (Description) Mercur Canyon Tooele County, Utah "DISTURBED AREA": 1762.7 (Disturbed Acres) (refer to Attachment "A") (Legal Description) "OPERATOR": Barrick Resources (USA) Inc. (Company or Name) (Address and Phone) P.O. Box 838 Tooele, Utah 84074 (801) 268-4447 and Barrick Gold Corporation Royal Bank Plaza South Tower Ste 2700 200 Bay Street P.O. Box 119 Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2J3

(416) 861-9911

"OPERAT	OR'S REGISTERED AGENT":	
	(Name)	Clayton L. Landa
	(Address)	Vice President & General Manager
		P.O. Box 838
		Tooele, Utah 84074
	(Phone)	(801) 268-4447
"OPERAT	OR'S OFFICER(S)":	Dennis Richardson
		Comptroller
"SURETY	": (Form of Surety - Attachment B)	Self
"011DET\	0014544040	
SURETY	COMPANY": (Name, Policy or Acct. No.)	N/A
"SURETY	AMOUNT":	
COMETT	(Escalated Dollars)	\$8,509,500
"ESCALA	TION YEAR":	2002
"STATE":		State of Utah
"DIVISION	٧":	Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
"BOARD"	:	Board of Oil, Gas and Mining
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	een <u>Barrick Resources (USA) Inc.</u> ator" and the Utah State Board of C	
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	e Division of Oil, Gas and Mining L on Act, Sections 40-8-1 et seq., Ut	Division" under the Utah Mined Land
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WHEREAS, Operator is obligated to reclaim that area described as the Disturbed Area as set forth and in accordance with Operator's approved Reclamation Plan, and Operator is obligated to provide surety in form and amount approved by the Board, to assure reclamation of the Disturbed Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board and the Operator agree as follows:

- 1. Operator agrees to conduct reclamation of the Disturbed Area in accordance with the Act and implementing regulations, the original Notice of Intention dated ______ June 30, 1996 _____, and the original Reclamation Plan dated ______ June 30, 1996 _____. The Notice of Intention as amended, and the Reclamation Plan, as amended, are incorporated by this reference and made a part hereof.
- 2. Concurrent with the execution hereof, Operator has provided surety to assure that reclamation is conducted, in form and amount acceptable to the Board. Such surety as evidenced by the Surety Contract is in the form of the surety attached hereto as Attachment B and made a part hereof. The Surety Contract shall remain in full force and effect according to its terms unless modified by the Board in writing. If the Surety Contract expressly provides for cancellation, then, within 60 days following the Division's receipt of notice that the Surety Company intends to cancel the Surety Contract, the Operator shall provide a replacement Surety Contract in a form and amount reasonably acceptable to the Board. If the Operator fails to provide an acceptable replacement Surety Contract, the Division may order the Operator to cease further mining activities and to begin immediate reclamation of the Disturbed Area.
- 3. Operator agrees to pay legally determined public liability and property damage claims resulting from mining to the extent provided in Section 40-8-7(1)(e) of the Act.
- 4. Operator agrees to perform all duties and fulfill all reclamation requirements applicable to the mine as required by the Act and implementing rules, the Notice of Intention, as amended and the Reclamation Plan, as amended.
- 5. The Operator's liability under this Contract shall continue in full force and effect until the Division certifies that the Operator has reclaimed the Disturbed Area in accordance with the Act and implementing rules, the Notice of Intention, as amended and the Reclamation Plan, as amended. The Division shall hold Barrick Resources (USA) Inc. and Barrick Gold Corporation jointly and severably liable for reclamation of the disturbed area.
- 6. If reclamation of discrete sections of the Disturbed Area is completed to the satisfaction of the Division, and the Division finds that such sections are severable from the remainder of the Disturbed Area,

Operator may request the Division to certify that Operator has reclaimed such discrete sections of the Disturbed Area in accordance with the Act and Implementing rules, the Notice of Intention, as amended and the Reclamation Plan, as amended. If the Division makes such certification, Operator may make request to the (Board) that the aggregate face amount of the Surety Contract provided pursuant to paragraph 2 be reduced to an amount necessary to provide for completion of the remaining reclamation. The (Board) shall hear Operator's request for such reduction in accordance with the Board's Procedural Rules concerning requests for Agency Action.

- 7. Operator agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State, Board and the Division from any claim, demand, liability, cost, charge, suit, or obligation of whatsoever nature arising from the failure of Operator or Operator's agents and employees, or contractors to comply with this Contract.
- 8. Operator may, at any time, submit a request to the Board to substitute surety. The Board, in its sole judgment and discretion, may approve such substitution if the substitute surety meets the requirements of the Act and the implementing rules.
- 9. This Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah.
- 10. If Operator shall default in the performance of its obligations hereunder, Operator agrees to pay all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Division and/or the Board in the enforcement of this Contract.
- 11. Any breach that the Division finds to be material of the provisions of this Contract by Operator may, at the discretion of the Division, result in an order to cease mining operations. After opportunity for notice and hearing, the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining may enter an order to revoke the Notice of Intention, order reclamation, or order forfeiture of the Surety Contract, or take such other action as is authorized by law.
- 12. In the event of forfeiture of the Surety Contract, Operator shall be liable for any additional costs in excess of the surety amount which are required to comply with this Contract. Any excess monies resulting from forfeiture of the Surety Contract, upon completion of reclamation and compliance with this Contract, shall be returned to the rightful claimant.

- 13. This Contract including the Notice of Intention, as amended and the Reclamation Plan, as amended, represents the entire agreement of the parties involved, and any modification must be approved in writing by the parties involved.
- 14. Each signatory below represents that he/she is authorized to execute this Contract on behalf of the named party.

Barrick Resources (USA) Inc.	Barrick Gold Corporation
Operator Name	Operator Name
By Vice Orrigin Lande By Vice Orriginal Authorized Officer (Typed or Printed) General Manager	Jannie Schalsky Vice President and Treasure of Authorized Officer (Typed or Printed)
Authorized Officer's Signature	Authorized Officer's Signature
Date: January 29, 1998	Date: January 26, 1998

AND APPROVED AS TO FORM AND AMOUNT OF SURETY:

Dave D. Lauriski, Chairman

Utah State Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

SO AGREED this 25 44 day of

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OPERATOR:

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Corporate Officer - Position	Date
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by authority of its bylaws or a resolution of it	its board of directors and said
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	Notary Public Residing at:
7.11 22 2001	NOTARY PUBLIC TAMARA COLE
My Commission Expires:	201 S. Main, Ste. 1800 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 My Commission Expires
THY COMMISSION EXPRISE.	February 27, 2001 STATE OF UTAH

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Barrick Gold Corporation Operator Name Ernie Sokalsky, Vie Prsident Byand Treasurer Corporate Officer - Position PROVINCE OF Onter) ss: MUNICIPALITY OF Metrapolitan who being by appeared before me James 5 me duly sworn did say that he/she, the said is the V-P + I reasures of Karric and duly acknowledged that said instrument was signed on behalf of said company by authority of its bylaws or a resolution of its board of directors and said duly acknowledged to me that said company executed the same. **Notary Public** Residing at: \ UVOV\

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My Commission Does Not Expire:

OPERATOR:

ATTACHMENT "A"

Barrick Resources (USA) Inc. and Barrick Gold Corporation		
Operator		
Mercur Mine	M/045/017	
Mine Name	Permit Number .	
Tooele and Utah	Counties, Utah	

The legal description of lands to be disturbed is:

Approximately 1762.7 acres will be affected in portions of:

Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Township 6 South, Range 3 West

and

Sections 31, 32, and 33 Township 5 South, Range 3 West

Salt Lake Base Meridian, Tooele and Utah Counties

(January 1998)

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SELF BONDING AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

This Self Bonding and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between <u>Barrick Resources (USA) Inc. and Barrick Gold Corporation</u> ("Operator") and the State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Board of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Board"). The Board and the Operator find that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Mined Land Reclamation	n Act, §40-8-1 et seq., Utah
Code Annotated (1953, as amended) ("Act") and applicable	e rules, the Operator has
obtained Permit No. <u>M/045/017</u> from	n the Division of Oil, Gas and
Mining ("Division") to operate the <u>Mercur</u> Mine	e, a <u>gold</u> mine,
in <u>Tooele and Utah</u> Counties, Utah, which location is i	more specifically described
in Exhibit A; and,	•
WHEREAS, the Board and the Operator agree that,	upon permanent cessation
of operations, complete reclamation of the Mercur	Mine
pursuant to Permit No. <u>M/045/017</u> , including rev	risions and amendments
(collectively "Permit"), the Act, and applicable rules is esser	ntial to protect the land from

future harm due to prolonged deterioration; and,

WHEREAS, the Operator has requested that the Board accept a written contractual agreement as the form of reclamation surety required by the Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Operator has designated <u>Clayton L. Landa, Vice President and General Manager</u>, Barrick Resources, (USA) Inc. P.O. Box 838, Tooele, Utah 84074

(Name, Title, Address)

as its agent for service of process in the State of Utah; and,

WHEREAS, the Operator has been in continuous operation as a business entity for the last five years; and,

WHEREAS, as is indicated on the attached financial sheet, the Operator meets the financial criteria for a written contractual agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Operator has submitted to the Division and Board financial statements which are accompanied by an audit opinion prepared by 1996 annual report Coopers and Lybrand, Chartered Accountants which indicated compliance with the financial criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, in return for permission to mine pursuant to the Act, the applicable rules and the Permit, in addition to other consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Operator agrees to be held and bonds to the Board for the sum of \$8,509,500_ for the timely performance of reclamation responsibilities for the ______Mine, Permit No. ____M/045/017____ in United States currency. By the submission of this Agreement, the Operator will and truly binds itself, its successors and assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

The conditions of the above obligations are such that:

- The Operator shall perform all duties and fulfill all requirements applicable to reclamation of the _____Mine as set forth in the Act, the applicable rules, and the terms of the Permit.
- 2. The liability under this Agreement is conditioned upon successful reclamation of the permit area as provided in the reclamation plan for the Permit for the period of time and in the manner specified in the Act, the applicable rules, and the terms of the Permit. The liability or responsibility of the Operator hereunder is \$8,509,500 provided that the Board may adjust the amount of liability hereunder as provided in Section 5 hereof.
- 3. <u>Barrick Resources (USA) Inc. and Barrick Gold Corporation</u> (operator) hereby agree to indemnify and hold the Board and Division harmless from any claim, demand, liability, costs, charge, or suit brought by a third party as a result of the Operator's failure to abide by the terms and conditions of the Reclamation Plan as set forth in the Permit and from any failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement.
- 4. Upon successful completion of part or all of the obligations secured hereby, the Operator may petition the Board for a final release of part or all of the obligations under this Agreement. Upon such petition, the Division shall conduct an inspection to ascertain whether duties and obligations of the Operator under the Act, the applicable rules, and the Permit have been fulfilled. If it is determined that such duties and obligations have been fulfilled, the Board shall release the Operator from part or all of

its obligations under this Agreement and shall file a notice of such release in the property records of <u>Tooele and Utah</u> Counties, Utah. 5. Periodically or at the request of the Operator, this Agreement shall be reviewed by the Division and the amount of liability adjusted if the Division determines that the cost of future reclamation has materially changed. 6. The Operator may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the Board no less than 120 days prior to the date of termination. The Operator must provide an alternate reclamation surety in the form and amount satisfactory to the Board prior to 30 days before the stated date of termination. 7. The Board may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the Operator no less than 120 days prior to the date of termination unless the Board determines that the Operator no longer meets the financial criteria for a written contractual agreement whereupon the Board may shorten the above-stated notice period for termination of this Agreement. The Operator must provide an alternate reclamation surety in the form and amount satisfactory to the Board prior to 30 days

- 8. If the Operator fails, within the time periods set out in paragraphs six and seven of this Agreement, to provide an alternative reclamation surety satisfactory to the Board, the Division or Board may pursue any available remedies, including, but not limited to, the direction to cease all operations at the <u>Mercur</u> Mine and the direction to initiate and complete all reclamation operations at the <u>Mercur</u> Mine.
 - 9. This Agreement will be governed and interpreted according to Utah law.

10. In addition to any other liability described above, the Operator shall pay reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred by the Board if the Board is successful in any action or suit regarding this agreement.

Barrick Resources (USA) Inc. Operator/Company Name	Barrick Gold Corporation Operator/Company Name
Clayton Landa & bearera/ Corporate Officer Name and Title Munique,	Time Sokalsky Vieg-Piesident Corporate Officer Name and Title
My Manda Signature	Signature
January 29, 1998 Date	January 26, 1998 Date
SO AGREED this Alon day o	February, 19 98.

Dave Dauriski, Chairman Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

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COUNTY OF Salthake) ss:
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by authority of its bylaws or a resolution of its board of directors and said authority of its bylaws or a resolution of its board of directors and said duly acknowledged to me that said
company executed the same.
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My Commission Expires: NOTARY PUBLIC TAMARA COLE 201 S. Main, Ste. 1800 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 My Commission Expires February 27, 2001 STATE OF UTAH

PROVINCE OF Ontario
MUNICIPALITY OF Metropolitan Toronto) ss:
On the ZGM day of January , 19 96 , personally
appeared before me Jamie Sokalsky who being by
me duly sworn did say that he/she, the said rance Sikalsky fold Carparation is the and Treasurer of Barrick From the
and duly acknowledged that said instrument was signed on behalf of said company
by authority of its bylaws or a resolution of its board of directors and said
Time Sokalsky duly acknowledged to me that said
company executed the same.
Allo.
Notary Public
Residing at: Toranto, Cheno
My Commission Does Not Expire

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Declaration

Therens, Barrick Resources (USA) Inc. has contributed \$42,000 to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program; and

Theres, this money will be used to secure and reclaim dangerous abandoned mines in a popular off-highway-vehicle recreation area in Utah's West Desert; and

Therens, Barrick Resources (USA) Inc. has donated this money in true community spirit, this act represents the ideal of a public/private reclamation partnership; and

Therens, workforce and financial resources are more efficiently used when there are collaborative reclamation efforts between public and private sectors; and

Thereas, by working together, reclamation partnerships can make a significant impact on the well being of the state of Utah by safeguarding recreation areas;

Now Cherefore, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the state of Utah, do hereby honor Barrick Resources (USA) Inc. for their new partnership with the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and do hereby declare the month of July, 1997, as

Reclamation Partnership Month

in Utah to honor existing partnerships and to foster new opportunities for performing reclamation on the lands of Utah.



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